

HOUSE RESOLUTION 223
By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jo Hankins Hall upon winning the 2005 Miss Tennessee Senior America Pageant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative woman is Jo Hankins Hall, who was crowned Miss Tennessee Senior American in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Tennessee Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and honor women who have reached the age of elegance; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Tennessee Senior America Pageant awards those women who best exemplify the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans, recognizing senior citizens are the foundation of America, and it is upon their knowledge, experience, and resources that younger generations have the opportunity to build a strong society; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Miss Tennessee Senior American 2005, Jo Hall competed in the National Senior America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada, finishing Second Runner-Up; and

WHEREAS, this exceptionally talented lady adds these esteemed laurels to an already impressive resume in pageant competition, which includes her being crowned Panther Queen in Greenbrier, Arkansas, 2nd Runner-Up Miss Conway, Arkansas, Miss Congeniality of Mrs. Tennessee America Pageant, Miss Congeniality of the Tennessee USA Pageant, and Fairest of the Fair of Waverly, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in Arkansas, Jo Hall graduated top ten in her high school class in 1961 and then graduated from Cosmetology College in Conway, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1962, she was joined in holy matrimony with E. C. Hall, and she is most appreciative of the love and companionship they share; and

WHEREAS, Jo Hall owned and operated a beauty salon business for thirty-five years, and she currently works as a consultant for Pampered Chef and Nu-Skin Cosmetics; and

WHEREAS, with unwavering purpose and commitment, Mrs. Hall served as a Charter Member of the Youth Riding Club, serving as a leader and teacher and organizing fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, committed to Tennessee's youth, Jo Hall serves on the Board of Directors for 2nd Basic Foundation at Camp MaCleod, a camp for at-risk and under-privileged youth, and she also donates a \$500 college scholarship to her high school in Greenbrier, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a devoted public servant, Jo Hall lends her time and talent as Fundraising Chairperson for local relay events for the American Cancer Association, Chairperson for the International Year of the Child, a member of the Board of Directors for the James Developmental Center for the Mentally and Physically Challenged, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Morning Star Day Care; she also volunteers with the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Jo Hall is a faithful member of Bascom Methodist Church, serving as a youth leader and pianist; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Jo Hall received the Phillip and Louise J. Kronze Charitable Foundation, Inc. Award in recognition of her service to this State's youth; and

WHEREAS, drawing from her wisdom and experience, Jo Hall exhorts everyone to "Love! Live! Laugh! Love God and all He has created. Open your heart to see and focus on all His beauty and goodness. Love yourself for the unique person God has created you to be. Savor the moment for moments make memories."; and

WHEREAS, Jo Hall epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize this estimable citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Jo Hankins Hall upon being crowned the 2005 Miss Tennessee Senior America, commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.